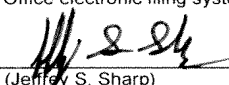


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SUPPLEMENTS AND FOOD PRODUCTS  
MADE THEREFROM, AND METHODS FOR  
THEIR USE IN REDUCING BODY WEIGHT

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**RESPONSE WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

**UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 12, 2008, in which claims 25-27, 29, and 31-41 stand rejected. This response is timely filed with a request for continued examination, a petition for a two-month extension, and fees.

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